



## TESTIMONY

of the

## CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### *Treble Damage Penalty for Zoning Enforcement*

March 10, 2010

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

CCM supports **R.B. 5031, "An Act Reducing Costs to Municipalities"**, which contains a proposal to provide for more creative land use practices by eliminating the penalty of treble damages against zoning enforcement officers for frivolous or without probable cause citations.

This bill would make state statutes consistent with those concerning inland wetlands and watercourse procedures. No other public official is singled out for such punitive actions.

*CCM urges the committee to favorably report this bill.*

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If you have any questions, please call Ron Thomas or Gian-Carl Casa of CCM at (203) 498-3000.